(c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Gauge conversion in Andhra Pradesh

2690. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gauge conversion work of railway lines in Andhra Pradesh going on during the last three years till date, project-wise;

(b) the budgetary provisions made for ongoing above mentioned projects in the State during this period;

(c) the present status of gauge conversion works from Dharmavaram-Pakala project in the State;

(d) whether Government have sanctioned any additional budget for completion of pending gauge conversion works in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when the above conversion works is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (f) The details of ongoing gauge conversion projects including Dharamavaram-Pakala gauge conversion, falling fully/partly in Andhra Pradesh, along with anticipated cost, expenditure incurred up to 31st March, 2006, outlay for 2006-07 along with the present status is as under:—

(Rupees in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Anticipated Cost	Expenditure incurred upto 31.3.2006	Outlay (2006-07)	Current Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Mudkhed-Adilabad	284.64	226.57	29.98	Work completed.
2.	Secunderabad-Mudkhed & Jankampet-Bodhan	390.47	345.65	10.00	Work completed.
3.	Guntur-Guntakal & Guntakal-Kalluru-new line from Pendakallu-Gooty.	508.42	470.42	18.00	Work completed except Guntakal-Kalluru.

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati	214.04	173.00	25.00	Work Completed.
5.	Naupada-Gunupur	78.11	35.79	34.00	Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up.
6.	Dharamavaram-Pakala	294.99	7.28	11.51	Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up on Pakala-Madanapalli section.

The allocation of gauge conversion projects has increased during 2006-07 due to revival of 'Capital Fund'. No additional funds have been provided for the above projects during 2006-07. The ongoing projects are likely to be completed during XIth Plan period.

Pensionary benefits to catering cleaners

2691. SHRI P.R. RAJAN:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority granted benefits of counting their engagement periods as well as for pensionary benefits to the catering cleaners engaged through contractors of Tiruchirapalli division after the Hon'ble Supreme Court W.P. No. 171/86 dated 4th February, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether above benefits were made applicable to employees of identical situation at Thiruvanathapuram division; Southern Railway, Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the steps would be taken to grant the above benfits to employees of Thiruvanathapuram Division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (f) As per the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. (c) No. 191/86 dt. 04.02.1987, not the W.P. No. 171/86 as mentioned in the question, the erstwhile contract cleaners were engaged as casual